

OVER CAPITAL

is Creating a
of Interest.

CHARTER BILL

Will Probably be Introduced
This Week—Protests From
North Gainesville Will Receive Due
Consideration.

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Tallahassee, April 17.—The first two weeks of 1905 session of the Florida Legislature have passed into history. So far the promises of a more than usually lively session have not materialized, but then it is very early yet, and two weeks is none too little time for the members to become acquainted, the committees properly organized and in fact the whole legislative machinery to become effective and to work smoothly. From now on events of moment will follow each other rapidly.

The Regent Bill.

It is not exaggeration to say that the most talked of measure, the one that has created most discussion and that promises to be a memorable subject of state within committee rooms and in open sessions of the Legislature, is what is known as the "Regent's Bill," introduced by Mr. Stockton in the Senate and Mr. Wall in the House. This bill, if created into a law, will certainly work a revolution in the system of higher education in the State; for great good, claim its advocates; for great injury, say its opponents. The bill as it stands at present provides for the appointment of a board of fifteen trustees. This board will supersede all existing boards, and will have full control over the following State educational institutions: University of Florida, East Florida Seminary, Florida State College, St. Petersburg Industrial School, South Florida Military College and Florida State Normal School.

A very important amendment has been adopted in the committee and provides that each congressional district please furnish five of these trustees. This gives a fair distribution, as for instance Lake City and Gainesville are in the Second district, Bartow and St. Petersburg in the First and Tallahassee and DeFuniak in the Third. Another proposed amendment is that "no trustee shall come from any county in which any of these schools are located."

The opponents of the measure claim that it is a move toward consolidation and in the sole interest of the University of Florida. This is emphatically denied by its advocates, who say that the sole purpose is in the interest of a better system of higher education, and that the proposed board of trustees would be in a position to foster each institution according to its just needs. Senator McCreary, who is a member of the Committee on Education in the Senate, while awaiting consultation with the superintendent and trustees of the East Florida Seminary, managed in the committee to say some very nice things about the Seminary and its present success and high standing, and by way of parenthesis the Seminary stands very well indeed with this Legislature, if present indications count. The Senator has invited the superintendent and trustees to confer in the matter with himself and his colleagues, Messrs. Rosborough and Tillman, as early this week as possible. The entire Alachua delegation is giving the matter most careful study and consideration.

The Gainesville Charter.

The new Gainesville charter bill will probably be introduced early in the week, or so soon as some point now under consideration may be determined upon. The Gainesville delegation that will be up this week will doubtless include Mayor Thomas, and these points will be discussed. Protests from citizens of North Gainesville continue to be received and are being given due consideration.

The bill for the relief of Marion county suggests the idea that Alachua, through her Board of County Commissioners, might secure reimbursement for rent paid in past years for the armory of the Gainesville Guards.

Brown-Baskin Contest.

The Brown-Baskin contest case is assuming large proportions and promises to be the feature of this week in Tallahassee. A large number of witnesses have been summoned from Marion,

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Sumter and Dade counties. Mr. Brown has engaged as his leading counsel, Hon. Fred T. Myers. This case will establish a precedent in Florida. Interest in the final outcome is growing.

Under the provisions of the Constitution of 1885 it became necessary this year to provide for the taking of a census of Florida by counties. The importance of this work is clearly apparent to anyone at all familiar with the errors of the United States census of 1900, and the consequent injustice to Florida. It is hoped the census bill will provide for the compiling of agricultural, manufacturing and industrial statistics, as well as the simple enumeration of the population.

All of the Alachua delegation are comfortably situated in Tallahassee, and all are at work, and harmoniously at that. Senator McCreary and Master Elmer, Representative Rosborough and the correspondent of The Sun are at Mrs. J. Stuart Lewis', who has a pretty new home only a few doors from the Capital. Representative Tillman is at Mrs. Moore's. Mrs. McCreary is expected early this week and will remain here until early in May, when she goes to Pensacola to attend the annual meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The formality of the re-election of United States Senator Taliaferro begins tomorrow, when the two branches of the Legislature vote separately. Wednesday the Legislature meets in joint session and consolidates the vote and it is all over.

Prof. W. M. Holloway will very shortly move into his new residence near the Capital. His chief assistant, Miss Clem Hampton, is very pleasantly located at the Leon. Speaking of the Leon reminds one that Alachua's youngest representative is a striking figure these evenings around the pretty parlors, where pretty women are also wont to congregate. Tillman is a hard worker during the day, but has acquired the excellent habit of wearing a boutonniere and a pleasant smile at night.

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POTATO AND MELON CROP PLENTIFUL

Acreage Will be Large in Santa Fe Section Coming Season.

POTATOES ARE IN BLOOM

The Immense Tracts of T. S. Williams and Co., and Santa Fe Produce Company, Will Bear Prolific—Good Results Anticipated in Other Fields.

Santa Fe, April 18.—The crop prospect is very good here. The farmers are well up with their work; good stands generally of all crops, especially cotton, of which there is a large crop planted.

Owing to the forward spring weather crops are somewhat in advance of last year and are looking well. The rain on Saturday was hailed with joy by the farmers.

The writer yesterday had the pleasure of a pleasant ride over the T. S. Williams Co.'s potato farm in company with its genial and clever superintendent, A. L. Holstein, who is always ready to show those that come the farm and make them feel at ease by his kind hospitality. The farm is located one and one-half miles north of Santa Fe, on what is known as the Barry farm. It is indeed a lovely sight to look upon. The potatoes are now in full bloom and will no doubt give a large yield. Supt. Holstein claims that they are the finest he has ever seen in Florida. He will commence shipping by the first of May.

The writer also visited the farm of the Santa Fe Produce Company, one mile south of the station. It is superintended by J. A. Williams of Alachua. They have thirty-five acres in potatoes that are equal to those of Welborn & Co's.

Several farmers have small patches in potatoes, from one to six acres, which promise an equal yield. Labor will be in great demand here to gather the potato and melon crop.

There are 300 acres in melons in this vicinity which are looking fine, and if they prove a large yield one can guess that there will be something doing to lift the crop of potatoes and melons.

There was a lively time in the Baird quarters Saturday, it being pay day at the mill. As usual, when the train arrives on Friday night those suspicious boxes marked "glass" are put off to make the average "coon" happy, and arouse that well-known brute instinct in him to gamble and fight, which they proceeded to do Saturday. When the scene closed and the scent and smoke of the battle blew over, one could find patches of wool and blood but no "coons." The officers, we are informed, have found some of them with disfigured "mugs" minus wool only in patches.

Grandpa Futch, who has been on a ten days' visit to relatives at Alachua and High Springs, is expected home today.

Mrs. W. M. Blitch, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Godwin of Rex, returned home Friday. She was accompanied by her little granddaughter, Jewel Godwin, who will spend some time with her grandparents.

J. E. and J. S. Futch, merchants of Alachua, visited Santa Fe Thursday.

Elias Osteen of Wilford, deputy sheriff of that district, was visiting his brother, Andrew Osteen of Santa Fe, last week.

A certain young lady in this community has found a way to dispose of the surplus cotton without burning. Those that are curious to know can find out by communicating with a certain young man in Santa Fe who made the discovery on the first of April, at dinner, while eating fried puffs.

An Exhibition Drill.

The cadets of East Florida Seminary participated in an exhibition drill for the benefit of the Colfax Rebekah degree and visiting Rebekahs Tuesday afternoon, and acquitted themselves in a manner most becoming. Those witnessing the drill were well pleased.

Cheated Death.

Kidney trouble often ends fatally, but by choosing the right medicine E. H. Wolfe of Bear Grove, Iowa, cheated death. He says: "Two years ago I had kidney trouble, which caused me great pain, suffering and anxiety, but I took Electric Bitters, which effected a complete cure. I have also found them of great benefit in general debility and nerve trouble, and keep them constantly on hand, since, as I find they have no equal." All druggists guarantee them at \$1.

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